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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

BOX: FEE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 23, 2001, Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks, the Terminal Disclaimer (and fee), and the Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b), filed herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new Claims 27-~~31~~₃₀ as follows:

27. [NEW] The genetically recombinant tobacco or alfalfa plant of Claim 16, which is stably transformed to contain and express a gene sequence which encodes *T. fusca* cellulase E2.
28. [NEW] The genetically recombinant tobacco or alfalfa plant of Claim 16, which is stably transformed to contain and express a gene sequence which encodes *T. fusca* cellulase E3.